

# National Biotechnology Month

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**WHEREAS**, the biotechnology industry is a major component of San Diego's economy, especially in District 1 and Downtown, providing jobs and opportunities for San Diegans across our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of biotechnology companies in the region ensures collaboration with universities, businesses, and research centers, cultivating ideas and creating jobs across our binational region; and

**WHEREAS**, the scientific advances from biotechnology have played an increasingly large role in the development of new products that enhance all areas of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, biotechnology has contributed to the development of vaccines, antibiotics, and other drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, this technology is now central to the research being conducted on diseases such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, heart and lung disease, Alzheimer's disease, COVID, and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); and

**WHEREAS**, the advances of biotechnology have saved and prolonged the lives of people not only in the San Diego area but across the globe, expanding the impact that San Diego educators and community members have on the larger community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Diego greatly benefits by the presence of biotechnology companies in our region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the City of San Diego, does hereby proclaim the month of January to be "**National Biotechnology Month**" in the City of San Diego.